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SUBJECT: PREPCON: OECD SECGEN SEEKS OBSERVER STATUS  
AT MINISTERIAL MEETING OF 27

1. SECGEN VAN LENNEP CALLED IN MISSION OFFICER AUGUST 26 TO EXPRESS HIS DISPLEASURE WITH FRENCH AND IEA POSITIONS ON OBSERVERS TO MINISTERIAL MEETING TO FOLLOW PREPCON II. VAN LENNEP SAID THAT FRENCH PERMREP VALERY HAD CALLED ON HIM YESTERDAY TO HAND HIM COPY OF FRENCH CONSENSUS PROPOSAL. IN ACCOMPANYING ORAL PRESENTATION, VALERY HAD INDICATED THAT FRENCH POSITION WAS THAT ONLY UN SECGEN SHOULD HAVE OBSERVER STATUS AT MINISTERIAL. VAN LENNEP SAID HE WAS "SHOCKED" TO LEARN OF THIS POSITION FOR THE FIRST TIME AND TOLD VALERY THAT IT WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE THAT OECD SECRETARIAT, WHICH WOULD HAVE MAJOR BACK-UP ROLE FOR COMMISSIONS, WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AT MINISTERIAL.

2. VAN LENNEP SAID HE WAS EQUALLY DISTURBED BY POSITION  
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TAKEN ON THIS QUESTION BY IEA GB AUGUST 25 AND HAD

STRONGLY PROTESTED TO IEA SECRETARIAT.

3. VAN LENNEP MADE STRONG PLEA FOR US SUPPORT FOR HIS ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERIAL AS OBSERVER, EMPHASIZING THAT SECRETARIAT PRESENCE WOULD BE ESSENTIAL IF OECD WERE TO PLAY MEANINGFUL ROLE IN BACK-STOPPING MEMBER-COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN COMMISSIONS. HE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT NEITHER OPEC NOR LDCS WOULD OBJECT TO HIS ATTENDANCE. VAN LENNEP SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON DURING THEIR SEPTEMBER 2 MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

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